

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

RANDY R. WHITSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 1:20-cv-847 KWR/KRS

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
OF BOSTON, et al.,

Defendants.

SCHEDULING ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court following a telephonic Rule 16 scheduling conference held on March 17, 2021. At the hearing, the Court adopted the parties' proposed Joint Status Report and Provisional Discovery Plan, with slight modifications, as reflected in the dates below

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the parties shall adhere to the following discovery plan:

- (a) Maximum of twenty-five (25) interrogatories by each party to any other party with responses due thirty (30) days after service.
- (b) Maximum of twenty-five (25) requests for admission by each party to any other party with responses due thirty (30) days after service.
- (c) Maximum of three (3) depositions per side. Each deposition (other than of parties) limited to maximum of seven (7) hours unless extended by agreement of the parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following case management deadlines shall govern:

- (a) Deadline for Plaintiff to amend pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15: **April 1, 2021;**
- (b) Deadline for Plaintiff to join additional parties pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15: **April 15, 2021**
- (c) Deadline for Defendants to amend pleadings pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15: **May 3, 2021;**
- (d) Deadline for Defendants to join additional parties pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15: **May 17, 2021**
- (e) Termination of discovery: **September 15, 2021;**
- (f) Deadline for supplementing discovery/disclosures: No later than 30 days before the close of discovery;
- (g) Motions relating to discovery: **September 29, 2021;**
- (h) All other motions:¹ **October 13, 2021;**
- (i) Pretrial order: Plaintiff to Defendant by: **November 10, 2021;**
 Defendant to Court by: **November 24, 2021.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court must approve any changes to the timing or scope of discovery, other than the parties' agreement to extend the length of a deposition made during the deposition in question. Requests by a party to change the timing or scope of discovery, other than a mutual agreement to extend a deposition reached during the deposition,

¹ This deadline applies to motions related to the admissibility of experts or expert testimony that may require a *Daubert* hearing, but otherwise does not apply to motions *in limine*. The Court will set a motions *in limine* deadline in a separate order.

must be made by motion and before the termination of discovery or the expiration of any applicable deadline. Discovery must be completed on or before the termination of the discovery deadline. A written discovery request must be propounded by a date which ensures that the response to that request is due on or before the discovery deadline. The parties are further reminded that the cutoff for motions related to discovery does not relieve the party of the twenty-one (21) day time period under Local Rule 26.6 to challenge a party's objections to answering discovery. The parties are encouraged to review Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2) to ensure they properly disclose *all* testifying witnesses, not just those for whom a report is required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin Sweazea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

KEVIN R. SWEAZEA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE